THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An agreement between Government of India and Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) was signed on 8th February, 1990 covering US $ one million under the Funds-in-Trust arrangement. Under this agreement, FAO shall be responsible for provision of experts, consultants, training and equipment to the National Dairy Development Board for implementation of Operation Flood-III.

Augmenting the water supply in tail-end colonies of South Delhi

408. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of many steps announced by Government and the MCD for augmenting the water supply, adequate water supply has still not been ensured in the South Delhi's tail-end colonies;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure adequate supply of water to these colonies ;

(d) the total requirement of water of the Government colony Vasant Vihar;

(e) the quantity of water promised to be supplied by MCD and the quantity actually being supplied presently to this colony per day ; and

(f) the steps being taken to ensure supply of promised quantity of water ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) The colonies in South Delhi are at the tail end of the water distribution system, since the treatment plants are located in North, North-East and North-West of Delhi. Water is carried through rising mains over a distance of 15 to 20 kms. Thus even minor break downs in the transmission system have repercussions in the supply at the tail-end. However, the position has improved as a result of certain measures taken during 1989-90, which includes construction of ground reservoir and booster pumping station at Deerpark, energisation of 24 new tubewells, re-development and energisation of 18 old tubewells and commissioning of newly laid water mains from Jhandewalan to Palam reservoir etc.

(d) to (f) The total requirement of water of the Government colony in Vasant Vihar is about 4.54 million litres a day and this is being fully met.

Purchase of surplus milk

409. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the surplus production of milk in Western Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan which is not being taken or purchased by the Agriculture Department or by the societies patronised by Agriculture Department; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to purchase the surplus milk produced by the above milk producers ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b) Government are aware of increased availability